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POLAND: Demonstrators Attack Convoy

Rioters in Wroclaw, in southeast Poland, on Monday attacked a convoy of police vehicles during demonstrations marking the 10th month of martial law, according to a regime spokesman. Solidarity leaders had described the demonstrations on 31 August as a moral victory and had instructed local branches not to undertake unauthorized actions. The local units were told only to observe the second anniversary of the union's legal registration on 10 November. Despite the unauthorized demonstration, a government spokesman said the regime was not yet planning to dissolve Solidarity.

Comment: The ambush of the police convoy is a new tactic and indicates greater willingness on the part of demonstrators to confront the authorities. Such attacks, if continued, could cause the regime to respond with harsher measures.

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